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**2012 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release 27  
Kuskokwim River District 1 to open for Commercial Salmon Fishing**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence and commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Management Area.

**District 1**

**District 1 will open to commercial salmon fishing for 6 hours from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2012.**

The hours for subsistence closures adjacent to periods of commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim River are 6 hours before, during, and 3 hours after commercial fishing. Therefore, from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, subsistence salmon fishing in the Kuskokwim River will be closed from Bogus Creek downstream to the mouth, defined by a line from Apokak Slough to the southern-most tip of Eek Island to Popokamiut.

Preliminary harvest information from the August 18 commercial period in Subdistrict 1-A was 11,017 coho; 48 chum; and 2 sockeye salmon from 89 permit holders. The coho salmon harvest was below average and catch rate was average for that date.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel ADF&G office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

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